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**“Discovery Saturday” Event To Highlight  
Carrier Battles in the South Pacific**

*Saturday, June 27, 2009*

**Pensacola, Fla.**—June 22, 2009—The “Discovery Saturday” series continues at the National Naval Aviation Museum, giving attendees a rare insider’s view of various carrier battles in the South Pacific from 1941 to 1943. As part of its mission to inspire and educate, the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation will present “Discovery Saturday—Carrier Battles in the South Pacific” at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 27, 2009. Retired Chief Aviation Ordnance Officer Chuck Wheeler, a long-time Museum volunteer, will lead the discussion. Wheeler was involved in 13 of the 20 major battles of the USS *Enterprise*.

“Discovery Saturday—Carrier Battles in the South Pacific” topics will include:

- Pre- and post-wartime Pacific Fleet based at Pearl Harbor
- Wake Island and the USS *Enterprise* (CV-6)
- The Coral Sea battle
- The Battle of Midway
- The Solomon Islands campaign

“Discovery Saturday” is FREE and open to the public. The National Naval Aviation Museum features FREE admission and a full slate of events throughout the year. For a complete list of events, exhibits and attractions at the Museum, visit [www.NavalAviationMuseum.org](http://www.NavalAviationMuseum.org) or call the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation at (850) 453-2389 or (800) 327-5002.

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**About the National Naval Aviation Museum**

The National Naval Aviation Museum features nearly 300,000 square feet of displays and is one of the world’s largest aviation museums. Located aboard Pensacola Naval Air Station, the facility boasts more than 150 beautifully restored aircraft representing Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard aviation and is Florida’s most-visited museum. Among the countless things to touch, see and experience are thrilling Top Gun Air Combat flight simulators, a variety of special exhibits as well as the drama and power of amazing IMAX® films. The Cubi Bar Café offers a unique dining experience, and the Flight Deck Store is the perfect place to find a memento of the spirit of Naval aviation. Museum admission is free. The National Naval Aviation Museum is open daily from 9 a.m.–5 p.m., except Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year’s Day. For more information, visit [NavalAviationMuseum.org](http://NavalAviationMuseum.org).

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